

(b) CLARIFICATION.—For purposes of this Act, unnecessary health regulations that have the purpose or effect of presenting a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking to terminate a pregnancy impose an undue burden.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to have any effect on laws regarding conscience protection.

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) STATE.—The term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other territory or possession of the United States, and any subdivision of any of the foregoing.

(2) UNDUE BURDEN.—The term “undue burden” means any burden that places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking to terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability.

SA 4933. Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 101(d), add the following:

(6) CONTINUING REIMBURSEMENT BY POSTAL SERVICE FOR INCREASED MEDICARE COSTS.—The Postal Service shall reimburse the Secretary of Health and Human Services (to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund under section 1817 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i) and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund under section 1841 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t) in such proportions as the Secretary determines appropriate) on a quarterly basis for any increased Federal costs incurred under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) by reason of the enactment of this section, not including—

(A) any amounts required to be reimbursed by the Postal Service under section 1839(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(e)), as amended by this section; or

(B) the amounts required to be credited to the Treasury by the Postal Service under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Renee Sheehy, a Postal IG detailee from my staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Daniel P. Fata of Massachusetts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ESCORT COMMITTEE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 273, H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform, postcloture; that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:15 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:48 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM A. LAPLANTE, JR., OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT, VICE ELLEN M. LORD.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

WILLIAM BRODSKY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023, VICE ANTHONY FRANK D'AGOSTINO, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

KATHRYN HUFF, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NUCLEAR ENERGY), VICE RITA BARANWAL.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE STEPHEN G. BREYER, RETIRING.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. KIRSTEN G. AGUILAR

COL. JASON E. BARTOLOMEI
COL. PAUL R. BIRCH
COL. HEATHER W. BLACKWELL
COL. PETER M. BONETTI
COL. MAURIZIO D. CALABRESE
COL. DANIEL C. CLAYTON
COL. RICHARD R. DICKENS
COL. DAVID A. DOSS
COL. JON A. EBERLAN
COL. DAVID C. EPPERSON
COL. WILLIAM C. FREEMAN
COL. LANCE R. FRENCH
COL. JESSE J. FRIEDEL
COL. JEFFREY T. GERAGHTY
COL. RICHARD A. GOODMAN
COL. DOUGLAS D. JACKSON
COL. JASON M. JANAROS
COL. RYAN P. KEENEY
COL. DAVID R. LOPEZ
COL. GAVIN P. MARKS
COL. ROGER R. MESSER
COL. PATRICK G. MILLER
COL. BRIAN R. MOORE
COL. NATHAN L. OWENDOFF
COL. WILLIAM S. ROGERS
COL. JOCELYN J. SCHERMERHORN
COL. JEFFREY T. SCHREINER
COL. TAVOLIS A. SIMMONS
COL. MELISSA A. STONE
COL. GEOFFREY F. WEISS
COL. MICHAEL J. ZUHLSDORF

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY WHILE SERVING IN THAT POSITION UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8082:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) GREGORY N. TODD

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

NEALY P. BROWN
GLORIA ANN BUN
TERRY LEE FOX
JOSHUA KIM
ANTONIO JAVIER ORTIZGUZMAN
RICHARD ALTON STEEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

GEORGE A. GONZALEZ
STEVEN H. HAKIM
CLAYTON L. RICKS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

REBECCA A. BURBRIDGE
CHARLES B. DISHMAN
OMAR EBARB
MICHAEL J. FELSEN
NATHAN N. FROST
ELAINE P. HO
JEREMY K. MCKISSACK
ERIC P. MERRIAM
MEGAN E. MIDDLETON
MONICA E. NUSSBAUM
JAMES M. REED
JENNIFER B. SCHMIDLY
ELLIOT R. SELLE
JOHN M. SIMMS
MICHAEL J. TABER
BRIAN A. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

DARREN STEELE BEASLEY
ALVIN JAY BRADFORD
DANIEL B. COX
JOEL B. ELTERMAN
STACY F. FLETCHER
BRUCE JAY GARDNER II
DAVID EMERSON GOOD
JOSHUA A. HARTMAN
BENJAMIN J. MITCHELL
STEVEN D. PODNOS
MARK E. SHEPHERD
RAJA R. TALATI
DAVID BRIAN TROWBRIDGE
WENDY J. WILCOXSON
JEFFREY M. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

TRAVIS W. GERLACH
BRIAN S. JOHNSTON
BEN C. ROBINSON
BENJAMIN G. ROMICK